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January 18, 1972.

My dear Mr President.

I have the honour to convey to you the following message
from President Bhutto:

BEGINS:

I am grateful for your message of congratulations
on my assuming the office of President of Pakistan. On
behalf of the people of Pakistan and myself, I reciprocate
in full measure the warm sentiments you have expressed.

At this first opportunity, let me convey our sincere
appreciation to you and the American people for the support
extended to us in our struggle to preserve our national
independence and territorial integrity.

The tragedy that has struck the people of Pakistan has
few parallels in history. While the world watched, India set
about to destroy with predatory cynicism the established
frontiers of our homeland. India continues to occupy our
territories inspite of the overwhelming verdict of the
General Assembly and the demand of the Security Council
for the withdrawal of all armed forces to their respective
territories and to positions on the ceasefire line in Jammu
and Kashmir. We seek a durable peace in the sub-continent,



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a just and honourable peace, but there can be no peace unless the armed forces of India first vacate their occupation of our territories.

An uneasy truce prevails with our troops on the borders, and our people face the grim aftermath of war. The task ahead is indeed formidable, but we are determined to succeed. We are determined to rebuild on the debris of the past, a past not of our making. The problems of national reconstruction are massive. We must as early as possible bring a measure of hope and happiness to our people who have endured much suffering. We have no doubt that in all our efforts we will have your continued cooperation, understanding and friendship and that of your great people.

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto
President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

ENDS.

*With my respects
and sincerely
(M) 1026*

His Excellency
Mr. Richard M. Nixon,
President of the United States of America,
The White House.